

HOUSE BILL No. 1453

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 14-8-2; IC 14-22.

Synopsis: Hunting preserves. Provides for the licensing and operation of hunting preserves on which farm raised and released cervidae and game birds are hunted. Establishes licensing requirements, inspection requirements, and fees. Exempts licensed hunting preserves from the licensing requirements for game breeders and shooting preserves. Provides that hunters on hunting preserves are not required to have a hunting license and are not subject to bag limits. Requires that a transportation tag be purchased and fixed to the leg of each cervidae taken on a hunting preserve. Prohibits computer assisted remote hunting on hunting preserves.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 14-8-2-37.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.93-2005,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 37.6. "Cervidae", for purposes of IC 14-22-20.5
4 ~~has the meaning set forth in IC 14-22-20.5-1.~~ and IC 14-22-20.7,
5 **means privately owned members of the cervidae family, including**
6 **deer, elk, moose, reindeer, and caribou.**
- 7 SECTION 2. IC 14-8-2-111 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
8 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 111. "Game bird", for
9 purposes of IC 14-22-8 ~~has the meaning set forth in IC 14-22-8-2.~~ and
10 **IC 14-22-20.7, means pheasant, quail, grouse, mourning dove, and**
11 **wild turkey.**
- 12 SECTION 3. IC 14-8-2-128.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
13 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 128.3. "Hunting preserve", for**
15 **purposes of IC 14-22-20.7, has the meaning set forth in**



IC 14-22-20.7-1.

SECTION 4. IC 14-8-2-195 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 195. "Owner" has the following meaning:

(1) For purposes of IC 14-11-4, the meaning set forth in IC 14-11-4-2.

(2) For purposes of IC 14-15, a person who has the legal title to a watercraft.

(3) For purposes of IC 14-16-1, the meaning set forth in IC 14-16-1-6.

(4) For purposes of IC 14-22-20.7, the meaning set forth in IC 14-22-20.7-2.

~~(4)~~ (5) For purposes of IC 14-25-4, the meaning set forth in IC 14-25-4-4.

~~(5)~~ (6) For purposes of IC 14-27-7, the meaning set forth in IC 14-27-7-1.

~~(6)~~ (7) For purposes of IC 14-27-7.5, the meaning set forth in IC 14-27-7.5-4.

~~(7)~~ (8) For purposes of IC 14-36, the term includes the following:

(A) Owners in fee.

(B) Life tenants.

(C) Tenants for years.

(D) Holders of remainder of reversionary interests.

(E) Holders of leaseholds or easements.

(F) Holders of mineral rights.

~~(8)~~ (9) For purposes of IC 14-37, a person who has the right to drill into and produce from a pool and to appropriate the oil and gas produced from the pool for:

(A) the person or others; or

(B) the person and others.

~~(9)~~ (10) For the purposes of IC 14-22-10-2, the meaning set forth in IC 14-22-10-2(c).

SECTION 5. IC 14-8-2-200.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 200.5. "Permitted animal", for purposes of IC 14-22-20.7, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-22-20.7-3.**

SECTION 6. IC 14-22-20-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. **(a) The owner of a hunting preserve licensed under IC 14-22-20.7 is not required to obtain a game breeders license under this section.**

(b) The department may, under rules adopted under IC 4-22-2, issue



to a resident of Indiana, upon the payment of a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15), a license to:

- (1) propagate in captivity; and
- (2) possess, buy, or sell for this purpose only; game birds, game mammals, or furbearing mammals protected by Indiana law.

SECTION 7. IC 14-22-20.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]:

Chapter 20.7. Cervidae Hunting Preserves

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "hunting preserve" means an area of land where permitted animals are hunted.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "licensed owner" means an owner of a hunting preserve who holds a license issued under this chapter.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "permitted animal" means the following farm raised and released animals:

- (1) Cervidae.
- (2) Game birds, including chukar partridges, properly marked mallard ducks, and other bird species.

Sec. 4. (a) The department shall issue an initial hunting preserve license to a person who:

- (1) either:
 - (A) meets the requirements set forth in this chapter; or
 - (B) for a person who operated, at any time, a hunting preserve during the period beginning January 1, 2005, and ending December 31, 2014, meets the requirements set forth in this chapter, except as provided in sections 6(b)(1) and 7(b) of this chapter; and
- (2) pays a fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

(b) The department shall annually renew the hunting preserve license of a person who:

- (1) meets the requirements set forth in this chapter; and
- (2) pays an annual fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

Sec. 5. Permitted animals (including their products) that are:

- (1) raised on a farm in Indiana; or
 - (2) legally:
 - (A) acquired in Indiana; or
 - (B) imported into Indiana;
- in compliance with applicable Indiana board of animal health laws and rules;
- are the property of the licensed owner of the hunting preserve



1 containing the permitted animals.

2 Sec. 6. (a) A hunting preserve must provide sufficient space and
3 cover to allow permitted animals the opportunity to elude hunters.

4 (b) A hunting preserve that allows hunting for cervidae must
5 meet the following requirements:

6 (1) If a person begins to operate a preserve after December
7 31, 2014, the preserve must contain not less than one hundred
8 (100) acres.

9 (2) The preserve must be enclosed by a fence that is at least
10 eight (8) feet in height and not more than six (6) inches above
11 the ground.

12 (3) Reasonable efforts must be made to clear the preserve of
13 wild deer.

14 (4) The preserve may not be bisected by a public road or
15 fencing.

16 (5) The fence enclosing the preserve must be marked with
17 signs that meet the specifications of the department.

18 Sec. 7. (a) Subject to subsection (b), before a hunting preserve
19 may release permitted animals and begin operations under an
20 initial license, the hunting preserve site must pass an inspection by
21 the department and the Indiana board of animal health.

22 (b) If an owner operated, at any time, a hunting preserve during
23 the period beginning January 1, 2005, and ending December 31,
24 2014, the owner may release permitted animals and resume the
25 hunting preserve operations when a hunting preserve license is
26 issued without an initial site inspection.

27 Sec. 8. If a cervidae escapes from a hunting preserve, the owner
28 must report the escape to the department within twenty-four (24)
29 hours after the escape is discovered.

30 Sec. 9. The owner of a hunting preserve may not release a
31 privately owned cervidae into the wild.

32 Sec. 10. (a) A person who takes or hunts a permitted animal on
33 a hunting preserve is not required to have a hunting license.

34 (b) The department shall provide the licensed owner of a
35 hunting preserve either a transportation tag or a cull tag for every
36 cervidae taken on the hunting preserve. The licensed owner shall
37 pay the department a fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per buck and twenty-
38 five dollars (\$25) per doe for each transportation tag. The
39 department shall provide cull tags to the licensed owner of a
40 hunting preserve without charge.

41 (c) The owner of a hunting preserve shall cause a transportation
42 tag to be affixed to a leg of each cervidae taken on the hunting



1 preserve.

2 (d) An individual may not transport or possess a cervidae taken
3 from a hunting preserve without a transportation tag.

4 (e) The owner of a hunting preserve shall provide each hunter
5 with a bill of sale for game birds taken by the hunter from the
6 hunting preserve. The transportation tag affixed to a leg of a
7 cervidae taken on a hunting preserve under subsection (c) is
8 considered to be the bill of sale for the sale of the cervidae by the
9 owner of the hunting preserve to the hunter.

10 (f) An owner of a hunting preserve is not required to purchase
11 a transportation tag for cervidae culled by the owner from the
12 hunting preserve and transported directly for personal
13 consumption, or to a butcher or charity. However, the owner shall
14 cause a cull tag to be affixed to a leg of each cervidae culled by the
15 owner.

16 Sec. 11. (a) A licensed owner of a hunting preserve must keep
17 records of:

18 (1) the number of each permitted animal species purchased
19 for the hunting preserve;

20 (2) the number of each species harvested in the hunting
21 preserve; and

22 (3) the full name and address of each hunter who takes a
23 permitted animal in the hunting preserve.

24 (b) All information required by this chapter must be recorded
25 on forms supplied by the department. The records must be
26 maintained for a period of two (2) years and must be open for
27 inspection by employees of the department and the Indiana board
28 of animal health during regular business hours.

29 Sec. 12. (a) Permitted animals may be hunted on a hunting
30 preserve licensed under this chapter between one-half (1/2) hour
31 before sunrise and one-half (1/2) hour after sunset, but only from
32 August 15 through April 15.

33 (b) For permitted animals taken on the hunting preserve there
34 is not a bag limit, and both male and female animals may be taken.

35 (c) A licensed owner may charge fees for hunting on the hunting
36 preserve that reflect the class of animal hunted.

37 Sec. 13. (a) Only weapons that may legally be used in hunting on
38 other property in Indiana may be used in hunting on a hunting
39 preserve.

40 (b) A hunting preserve may not allow computer assisted remote
41 hunting.

42 SECTION 8. IC 14-22-31-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA



1 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 0.5. This chapter does not apply**
3 **to a hunting preserve licensed under IC 14-22-20.7.**

